

## San Francisco Bay Area *Integrated Regional Water Management Plan*



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Subject: Integrated Regional Water Management Program Concepts

The San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Coordinating Committee appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) as you continue to develop the approach for implementing the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) portions of Propositions 84 and 1E. The Coordinating Committee oversees the implementation of the San Francisco Bay Area IRWMP. Several of our members participated in your September workshops and we look forward to reviewing your draft guidelines and working with you and other Regions on the IRWM program approach. It is our understanding that the draft guidelines will include IRWMP standards, provide guidance, and define the IRWM grant funding process. This letter provides input on the grant funding process.

The San Francisco Bay Area IRWMP is not intended to serve as a static plan, but as a process for ongoing regional planning. Regional priorities will evolve over time and the San Francisco Bay Area IRWMP will adapt to meet the changing needs of the region. Likewise, IRWM standards and funding requirements will evolve over time. Therefore, we support DWR's IRWM concept to provide planning grants to develop, update, or improve IRWMPs. We also support access to implementation grant funds while IRWMPs are being updated and improved. This approach encourages quality planning while also recognizing the importance of implementing high priority projects that achieve regional goals and the purpose of the program.

We look forward to working closely with DWR staff in implementing the San Francisco Bay Area IRWMP and continuing to promote IRWM planning throughout the State.

Sincerely,

Stan Williams

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